Growth of Private Hospitals

1270. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAM ILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to control the mushroom growth of private hospitals exploiting the innocent patients;

(b) the steps to be taken by Government to ensure good governance in the - private hospitals and nursing homes and to minimize the expenses charged by them from the patients; and

(c) the number of private hospitals getting strictures or losing registration during the last one year for committing offences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, regulation of private and public hospitals and as well as nursing homes comes within the purview of the State Governments and, therefore, such information is not maintained by the Ministry of Helath and Family Welfare. However, Central Government is considering putting in place standards and specifications that will prescribe minimum standards for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments which the State Governments should adhere to.

Ayurvedic Drugs under ISM

1271. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Ministerof HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Ayurvedic drugs are covered under the Indian Systems of medicine; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that no permission is required for the introduction of Ayurvedic drugs in the country and also no approval is required for conducting trials for the Ayurvedic drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A licence is required forthe manufacture of Ayurvedic drugs. No permission is necessary for conducting clinical trials.